

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2010

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Mayor LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pastor Walter Lawlor, New Life Community Church, gave the Invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor LaCascia.

## **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Trudy Block, Councilor Nancy Adorno-absent, Councilor Mike Blethen, Councilor Don Kimsey-absent, Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Clerk Patricia Jackson were present.

A quorum was established.

## **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Blethen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Block.

Roll Call: Vice Mayor Block-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Blethen-aye

3-ayes

0-nays

The Motion carried.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND/OR RECOGNITIONS**

There were none.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Appointment of Vice Mayor Block as Acting City Manager for an additional 30 Days**

Councilor Blethen made a motion to appoint Vice Mayor Block as Acting City Manager for an additional 30 days; the motion was seconded by Mayor LaCascia.

Roll Call: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Vice Mayor Block-aye, Councilor Blethen-aye

3-ayes

0-nays

The motion carried.

**Resolution 2010-10, a Resolution of the City of Polk City, Florida, Concerning the City of Polk City's Local Mitigation Strategy**

Mayor LaCascia read Resolution 2010-10 in short title.

Councilor Blethen made a motion to accept Resolution 2010-10; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Block.

Roll Call: Councilor Blethen-aye, Vice Mayor Block-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye

3-ayes

0-nays

The motion carried.

**Emergency Ordinance 1271, an Ordinance of the City of Polk City, Florida, Relating to Pain Management Clinics; Declaring an Emergency; Providing for and Imposing an Immediate Temporary Moratorium Within the Jurisdictional Limits of the City of Polk City, Florida, Until May 31, 2011, on the Filing, Processing or Issuance of Any and All Permits or Other Approvals for Any New Pain Management Clinics Within the Incorporated Limits of the City of Polk City; Adopting and Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date**

Mayor LaCascia read Ordinance 1271 in short title. City Attorney Cloud advised the Attorney from the Sheriff's Office asked the City to adopt this; the County has passed an ordinance as well. This will place a moratorium on any new pain management clinics until we know what the Legislature is going to do.

After brief discussion, Vice Mayor Block made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1271 in its entirety; the motion was seconded by Councilor Blethen.

Roll Call: Vice Mayor Block-aye, Councilor Blethen-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye

3-ayes

0-nays

The motion carried.

**CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

Acting City Manager Block advised the Work Squad Contract is up for renewal; we get five inmates, and they do an incredible amount of work.

Mayor LaCascia made a motion to approve the Work Squad Contract #WS580 – Amendment #1; the motion was seconded by Councilor Blethen.

Roll Call: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Vice Mayor Block-aye, Councilor Blethen-aye

3-ayes

0-nays

The motion carried.

### **CITY CLERK ITEMS**

The City Clerk had nothing to report.

### **CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

### **MAYOR ITEMS**

Mayor LaCascia wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

### **VICE MAYOR ITEMS**

Vice Mayor Block advised in her capacity as Acting City Manager the office hours at City Hall have been changed; City Hall will now open to the public at 8:30 a.m. rather than 9:00 a.m. and employees will work until 5:30 p.m. The message has been sent in the newsletter (more people were waiting to get into City Hall prior to 9:00 a.m.).

### **COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS**

**Councilor Adorno** – in the absence of Councilor Adorno, City Clerk Jackson advised Councilor Adorno would like to have a workshop on January 3, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss advertising for the City Manager position and to discuss the City Charter. No one was opposed to the workshop.

**Councilor Blethen** – Councilor Blethen advised the Planning Commission would be having a meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and asked if mobile homes would be discussed; he was advised that would be on the agenda.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/REQUEST**

Lisa Shifflett, 234 Bayberry Drive, asked what the effective date would be for the new utility company taking over in Polk City. Vice Mayor Block advised it should be some time in January or February. Ms. Shifflett then asked about utility rates – she had a question regarding the wording of a Resolution adopting rates; it stated the effective date being July 9<sup>th</sup>, and the rates were applied to the bill that went out July 10, 2010. After brief discussion, City Attorney Cloud advised it can be applied as it was, and there are current court cases whereby it is legal. Ms. Shifflett thinks it is wrong and doesn't agree with that; she feels people should be reimbursed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

The meeting adjourned upon voice vote (7:26 p.m.)

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Patricia R. Jackson, City Clerk

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Joe LaCascia, Mayor